

# The Lemon Grove REVIEW

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## The Education of Steve Baldwin

by Steven Saint

He's charming. He's cantankerous. He's young and vibrant. He's shrewd. He's poison. He's the mastermind behind the Christian Right stealth movement. He's really not the religious fanatic people were making him out to be. He's a joke. He'll sell out his grandmother to make political gains. He's short on facts but long on beliefs. He's a really nice guy.

People agree on at least one thing: he's Steve Baldwin.

Steve Baldwin's reputation in Sacramento began to form a good three years before his shadow ever fell across the eastern steps of the Capitol. Legislators from both parties, staff, committee consultants, lobbyists, the press - they had all heard about him.

Oh, that's the guy who believes the Air Force has an official witch. They were all watching him from the moment he set foot in the rotunda and headed for his office tucked behind a copier room on the second floor of the Capitol annex. It used to be Tom Connolly's office.

Oh, he's the one.

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## The Education of Steve Baldwin Continued from Page 1

Steve Baldwin has spent some 144 days in the Legislature now and has made great strides in convincing people in Sacramento that he's not some kind of religious kook.

His Republican staff think he's a champion. To the vast majority of capitolites, he's relatively unknown and nondescript. The Democrats with whom he works the most won't talk about him on or off the record. They seem afraid that any candid feedback will bring political vengeance. Some of his constituents still don't trust him.

All roads seem to lead to Sacramento, the streets and corridors packed with pilgrims representing every interest group imaginable. Everyone wants the state government to make life easier.

While the chambers of local government are typically empty, the capitol is a human beehive crawling with activity, hemmed in for blocks on all sides by lobbyists' offices. People hang out in the corridors, practicing their pitches, using the copiers set up on every corner, talking on cellular phones in elevators.

Baldwin walks in Monday morning around 10:30, dry cleaner bag slung over one shoulder, a backpack over the other. His staff is aflurry as he unpacks papers, new education books and mail from the district office. The Assembly goes into session in about 20 minutes.

His chief of staff is Valory Brown, who ran the Sacramento office of Victorville Assemblywoman Kathleen Honeycutt. Honeycutt, one of four legislators listed as endorsers on Baldwin 1994 campaign literature, became

ill and did not seek a second term. Although Brown was offered a job by Honeycutt's high-desert successor, she did not take it. She knew Baldwin from the frequent calls to Honeycutt's office on legislation and wanted to work for him.

Verna, the receptionist in Honeycutt's district office, volunteered to help Brown set up Baldwin's office during the chaotic first month triggered by the speakership deadlock.

Soon she asked to hire on. It was the Baldwin charm: so much energy, such passion for policy. Baldwin's 39, but most capitolites assume he's much younger.

Waiting on his desk is a message from Phil Isenberg, a longtime Democratic assemblyman. There's going to be a Democratic bill on the Assembly floor today allowing race tracks to open card rooms. Baldwin opposes gambling as a social ill. Isenberg has a rival bill that would regulate gambling.

The two agreed to stand together and oppose the bill across the aisle.

Baldwin puts on his blue blazer and looks over the daily analysis from Republican caucus. It summarizes the bills and have recommends support for the card room bill.

He doesn't check in with the caucus or talk to the bill's author. He's going to fight it on the floor.

Baldwin's office is austere and plain. He has only two things hung on the walls. Behind him is a mounted poster reading "California, Reagan Country," featuring Ronald Reagan on horseback. On the opposite wall is a banner sent by parents of the Horizon Instructional System in Placer County, thanking him for helping

their Christian homeschooling network continue to qualify as a public-funded charter school.

His staff found out he likes Hot Tamale candy and they stock an endless supply in a jar on his desk. He has a plaque on the credenza behind him that simply reads, "Carpe Diem," Latin for "Seize the Day."

There's an elevator right outside Baldwin's office designated for legislators only. These come complete with operators who push the buttons for the members. Baldwin gets on, but not without saying he wishes they would do away with the exclusive privileges and the \$30,000 a piece they pay the operators.

The Assembly chambers are wide and open, with crystal chandeliers and bright mini-spots attached to the ceiling to illuminate the floor for the video cameras along one wall.

A choir from someone's district is singing unseen from the gallery, their voices fill the air with a soft, ethereal presence. Like angels. Speaker Pro Tem Joe Baca is droning on and on with introductory business. Jan Goldsmith introduces Cliff LaChappa, tribal chair of the Barona Indians, who is making the rounds on behalf of tribal gaming. LaChappa is fighting to expand Indian rights and keep the door closed on Nevada gambling interests. His two Anglo consultants hope his visit will help counter the full-time lobbyists living down the street from the capitol on the largess of the big, out-of-state casinos.

In the back row sits Baldwin, next to Bill Morrow from North County. The room is chaotic with backslapping and chatter. Republi-

can Floor Leader Jim Brulte roams the aisles. Baldwin is quiet through the introductions, sifting through his notes: bill texts, Republican caucus analyses, a Traditional Values Coalition newsletter.

Speaker Willie Brown finally takes the mic and soon the gaming bill comes up. Democrat Curt Tucker from Los Angeles speaks loud and preacher-like about his bill, which he says will help horse tracks. Fellow Democrat Isenberg raises his boom mic, a sign he wishes to speak. Baldwin's goes up. Isenberg says Tucker is a pawn of special interests.

Soon, Baldwin makes his speech about the social hazards of gambling. Tucker and Isenberg, both Democrats, exchange insults. The bill fails dismally despite official Republican support. Baldwin is excited: this is the first time he's seen the Republicans divided on the floor, and things went his way.

Willie Brown continues to plow through the agenda, spewing parliamentary phrases like an auctioneer. The session is adjourned after one hour. The Assembly won't meet again until Thursday morning.

In less than an hour, Baldwin has a committee meeting. He heads for lunch in the basement, the cheaper of the two cafeterias in the capitol. He pays five bucks for a salad and two for soup. He sits alone, amid the other legislators, lobbyists, staff and constituent groups catching lunch.

"This place really reminds me of a school," he says. "They take roll call. We eat in a cafeteria. We get the summer off."

The story goes that during his first week in Sacramento, someone found Baldwin sitting on the floor of his office, tousled hair down in his face, surrounded on all sides with stacks of bills and legislative analysis. He looked up with sad puppy dog eyes. *How am I ever going to get through this all?*

Once upon a time, freshmen - as first-term legislators, male or female, are called - had several years to learn the ropes, find their niches, work into leadership. Those days are gone.

Term limits have radically *Continued on Back Page*

## Lemon Grove Fire Log

April 14, 1995 through April 20, 1995

7600 blk. Lemon Ave. Difficulty breathing.  
Hwy 94/Spring St. Single engine response.  
7500 blk. Broadway. Difficulty breathing.  
6900 blk. Broadway. Traffic accident.  
7500 blk. Church St. Auto vs. pedestrian.  
8000 blk. Broadway. Fall.  
3100 blk. Chateau Way. Child locked in auto.  
Berry St./Mt. Vernon St. Traffic accident.  
Broadway/Massachusetts Ave. Vehicle accident.  
6900 blk. San Miguel Ave. Traffic accident.  
2300 blk. Berry St. Vegetation fire.  
1800 blk. Washington Ave. Overdose.  
8400 blk. Golden Ave. Fall.  
8100 blk. Lemon Grove Way. Unconscious.  
1800 blk. El Dora St. Single engine response.  
1800 blk. Ensenada St. Fainting.  
3600 blk. Grove St. Difficulty breathing.  
1800 blk. Ensenada St. Evaluate for the Sheriff.  
8000 blk. Blossom Ln. Possible coroner's case.  
2300 blk. Main St. Public service.  
3100 blk. Vista Ave. Chest pains.  
3400 blk. Washington Ave. Seizure.  
8000 blk. Lemon Grove Way. Medical aid.  
3200 blk. Harris St. Assault victim.  
3100 blk. School Ln. Medical aid.  
6900 blk. Broadway. Assault victim.  
2100 blk. Berryland Ct. Abdominal pains.  
Buena Vista Ave./Pacific Ave. Bleeding.  
Hwy 94/Grove St. Vehicle accident freeway.  
7400 blk. Daytona St. Wires down.

## WEATHER

The following information was provided by the Lemon Grove Fire Department.

		High	Low
April	17	55	46
April	18	58	46
April	19	66	48
April	20	64	49
April	21	80	46
April	22	84	58
April	23	87	53

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## Sheriff's Dept. Log

April 4 to April 21, 1995

1300 blk. Skyline Dr. Petty theft. \$250 value.  
6900 blk. Central Ave. Auto theft. '86 Vol Wgn. Blue. Value unknown.  
7000 blk. Broadway. Commercial burglary. Food. Value unknown.  
6900 blk. Federal Blvd. Commercial burglary. \$3,000 value.  
7000 blk. Broadway. Vehicular Burglary. Stereo. \$300 value.  
2300 blk. 69th St. Petty theft. Credit card. Value unknown.  
7200 blk. Broadway. Petty theft. Tire/labor. \$99 value.  
7500 blk. Broadway. Commercial burglary. Timers. \$61 value.  
7600 blk. Lemon Ave. Residential burglary. Nintendo/fixture. \$290 value.  
7500 blk. Broadway. Vehicular burglary. Tools. \$550 value.  
8000 blk. Broadway. Strong armed robbery. \$60 value.  
3700 blk. Grove St. Commercial burglary. Gun. \$1,350 value.  
8100 blk. Darryl St. Residential burglary. Knives. \$100 value.  
3200 blk. Lemon Grove Ave. Residential burglary. \$20 value.  
8100 blk. Lemon Grove Way. Burglary from a vehicle. Speakers. \$360 value.  
8100 blk. Lemon Grove Ave. Petty theft. \$70 value.  
1400 blk. La Corta Cir. Residential burglary. Jewelry. \$5,200 value.  
7300 blk. Beryl St. Vehicular burglary. \$225 value.  
1800 blk. Massachusetts Ave. Petty theft. Appliance dolly. \$125



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# B-Words

## Personal comments from Mayor Bob Burns Thank You Ron Roberts

On April 20, Supervisor Ron Roberts, and his fellow board members, presented two gifts to the East County Senior Volunteer Patrol.

Immediately following lunch Roberts and Sheriff Bill Kolender handed over the keys of a newly painted car to the supervisor of the Patrol Bill Goodman.

The Chevrolet Celebrity, with only 42,000 miles on the odometer, is being equipped with proper Sheriff department insignia and lights. It will be added to the very sparse fleet of police cars that are available to the volunteers, and it is very welcome.

The Lemon Grove Patrol has been in existence for over one year while the Spring Valley/Mt. Helix contingent is more recent in operation. This car will primarily be added to the latter groups schedule, but it will free up other cars for use in the entire region.

Both Supervisor Roberts and Sheriff Kolender expressed their appreciation for the work that the senior volunteers are doing, and for the positive effects that they are having in the community.

It was my distinct pleasure, along with almost the entire cadre of senior volunteers to attend the celebration, and display our appreciation for the gifts. Actually the plural here is correct, in that there was also a very com-

plete computer in the back seat of the car. This, too, is badly needed for the patrol office. This collection of age-advantaged men and women, make a very impressive sight when all gather together in their uniforms. I think Sheriff Kolender was somewhat taken aback in seeing so many of his "personnel" that he really didn't know he had.

It is hoped that the supervisors gesture might be contagious and that maybe the County could find even more ways to encourage the expansion of the patrol. Sheriff Kolender expressed the hope that "this program could be expanded to every community in the county, and show the same success that it has in Lemon Grove. Actually there is a wealth of talent from all walks of life in the members, and who knows what they could accomplish.

There may be some more old vehicles, computers, radios, etc., out there that could become counterparts to the retreads that we are in the senior patrol program.

Thanks again Ron and Bill, for taking the time, and the generosity in presenting us with these gifts. We are all exceedingly proud to be volunteers, and enjoy very much the satisfaction that we are yet being productive and valuable members of our beloved community. From 10-8 to EOS, we are the old soldiers of East County.

## Sales tax change could help city by Marilyn Phenow

Tax revenue for Lemon Grove could jump \$60,000 a year if a bill dealing auto leases is approved and signed by the governor this year, said a spokesman for the bill's author, state Senator Cathie Wright, R-19.

City Manager Doug Yount and Councilman Craig Lake testified in support of the bill last week in Sacramento.

"Because Lemon Grove was a small city that benefited by the system, their testimony will be a great influence to get this bill approved," said Legislative Aide Lee Angela Reid.

Senate Bill 605, if approved, would send use tax revenue on dealership vehicle lease payments back to the jurisdiction the lease originated in rather than through a county allocation pool.

Currently, the city receives one percent of the total of sales tax generated by the two Lemon Grove dealerships, Bob Baker Toyota and Corral Ford. However, on cars that are leased, there officially isn't a point of sale, and the user fee total is based on the sales amount that is due for the month not on the total of the bill.

"Therefore, the city would be losing out because that user fee

would be less due to the small increment monthly leasing fees," said Corral Ford General Manager Dennis Nesselhauf.

But Lake said that's only part of the problem.

"Those user fees are not included in the one percent of tax revenue that the city by law gains," said Lake. Instead, they are deposited into a county pool and then farmed out equally to the various cities."

The city sales tax consultant Hinderliter, de Llamas and Associates compiled a report reviewing the city's car dealerships new vehicle leases. The review included information on the Countywide Distribution of Sales Tax Gains and Losses based on FY 1993-94. However, information on Lemon Grove was inconclusive because during that year only one dealership existed in the city, Corral Ford. Since that time, however, Bob Baker Toyota opened up. Forty percent of the cars sold at Bob Baker are through leases.

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## Jackson challenges students to make a difference

by Jennifer Everett

The spirits of students at Helix High School were lifted April 20 when Rev. Jesse Jackson stepped down from his international pulpit for a moment to speak to them.

When Jackson made his entrance to the gym, the students stood and cheered as he made his way around to shake the hands of many of the students.

Jackson began his speech by sharing his grief concerning the tragedy in Oklahoma, which had occurred the day before. He continued by leading the students in a prayer.

Jackson then led a chorus of Highlanders in chanting "I am somebody, I am somebody, red, brown, black or white we are all precious in God's sight. Keep hope alive, Helix is number one."

Jackson asked students to stand and respond to a variety of questions about drugs and guns. The final question asked was about if students knew someone who had brought drugs or a gun to school.

Almost all of the students stood.



Jesse Jackson meets with students after speaking at Helix High School on Thursday.

Jackson then proceeded to ask students to stand if they had ever told a teacher, counselor, preacher or clergyman that someone had drugs or a gun at school.

Less than ten people stood.

"Those that want to make a difference must be above the norm," Jackson said.

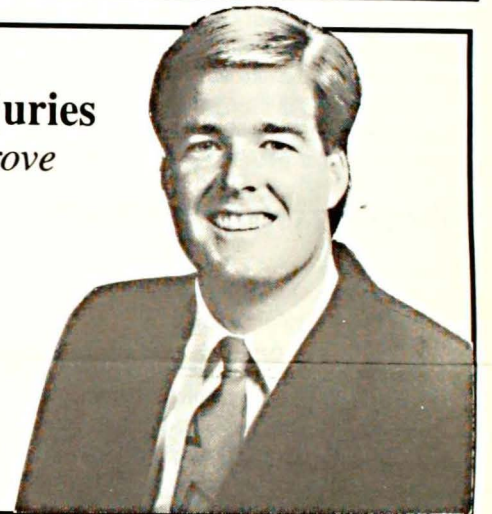
Helix Principal Dr. Doug Smith said that "speaking to students about actions and consequences and lack of action when students choose not to tell" was the most important issue that Jackson addressed.

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## From the Teenage Files

by Simon Hill



## Commentary

by Paul Treske

### Oklahoma City

It would have, somehow, been more comforting had the Oklahoma City bombers turned out to be foreign terrorists. We could have evoked our righteous "Us vs. Them" stance and cried out against Middle East terrorist groups, Japanese secret sects or Latin American drug cartels. But there is no comfort, for the face of the destroyer of children and of the innocent is our own.

They have been with us for a long time, these paramilitary rightwing fringe groups. For years now, in such wooded places as Idaho and Montana, they have gathered together, stockpiled weapons and practiced survival for the day when they would "Save America" from its own government. They often carry the word "patriot" in their group names, but their so-called love of country does not include affection for its government. As a rule, they hate Afro-Americans, Jews, other minorities and the U.S. Government and devote whatever affection they have for the second amendment and their guns.

Occasionally, in past years, a few of them have crawled out of the woods and into the limelight. Most often it has been for openly defying or killing

a federal agent as in the infamous Randy Weaver case in Idaho. But, for the most part, they are a small but intensely armed hidden anti-government militia.

Now, however, with the horribly senseless bombing in Oklahoma City and the arrest of one of their own as the prime suspect, their ability to hide in the national woodwork will be infinitely more difficult. The spotlight has been turned on them and, should they be found guilty of this atrocity, America will not easily forget.

The FBI investigation has only begun and there will be much more and many more involved in the long run, but the hand of homegrown extremism is clear in the rubble of the American Heartland. Whether the motivation was revenge for the actions of federal agents in the Branch Davidian fiasco or some other small but magnified cause, we may never really know to our satisfaction.

But this we do know: With the brutal massacre of men, women and children in Oklahoma, if they are found guilty, they will never again be able to hide behind the word "patriot."

## Compassion and love make good economic sense

by Tom Connolly

"Poverty is the parent of revolution and crime."  
— Aristotle

Historically, ours is a generous nation. We're a compassionate people, a national community.

We are, without apology, a country that believe in assisting the poor and disadvantaged. When people stumble, we help them up. We fight for those least able to fight for themselves.

Most people living in our community, whether Republican or Democrat, conservative or liberal, believe in assisting poor children through school food programs.

Why, then, would our representative in the state Assembly try to kill a bill by state Senator Lucy Killea of San Diego, a bill that does nothing more than expand the number of schools eligible to apply for the federal School Breakfast Program?

Speaking before a statewide television audience, Steve Baldwin reasoned that since no parent had come up to him and said, "Assemblyman Baldwin, my children are hungry," there are no hungry children in America.

By this remark, we see vividly that the world Baldwin knows differs materially from the world at large and, consequently, he is ignorant of its condition.

U.C. Berkeley's School of Public Health reported recently that five million Californians — one in six residents — go to bed hungry and another three million low-income people are at risk of going hungry.

Over 1,800 low-income children now living within the 77th Assembly District will benefit directly from Killea's bill: Greenfield Junior High, 301 students; Cook Elementary, 153; Parkview Elementary, 190; Valle Lindo Elementary, 167; Highlands Elementary, 167; La Mesa Middle School, 370; Lemon Avenue Elementary, 177; Northmont Elementary, 170; Sweetwater Springs Community, 200.

Furthermore, SB 59 is not a mandate and has no direct fiscal impact because the bill involves no new money. In fact, 1995's proposed budget actually appropriates half a million dollars less for the breakfast program than was appropriated in the 1994 budget.

"We can never be sure that the opinion we are endeavoring to stifle is a false opinion; and if we were sure, stifling it would be an evil still."

— John Stuart Mill, 1859

What we really see is an example of government going after those least able to fight back. It appears that we have returned to the days when our government leaders treat society as if it were an economic pyramid.

They place the rich, powerful and influential at the top, leaving the poor, downtrodden and oppressed on the bottom. Then they create economic advantages for those at the top with the hope that all others will benefit as opportunities "trickle down" to the bottom.

The people that don't benefit are left behind.

But society is not a pyramid. If we're to be compared to anything we should be compared to a wheel. Each of us should be viewed as a spoke in that wheel. We each have equal rights, equal opportunities and equal responsibilities. When a spoke breaks, we all work a little harder to carry the load as we try to repair the broken part.

This is the spirit upon which our nation is based.

America is facing some perilous times. We are becoming more divided and fractionalized than ever before. Politicians have Americans of all persuasions displaying an "us versus them" mentality. We seem to have lost the respect we once felt for one another.

We were warned in the 1960s by Dr. Martin Luther King that "there is nothing more dangerous than to build a society with a large segment of people in that society who feel that have no stake in it; who feel they have nothing to lose."

A 1994 National Survey indicates that 72 percent of Americans believe that reducing poverty would also reduce crime.

Ignoring these warnings, our nation is moving fast toward policies guaranteed to increase poverty and expand radically the dangerous segment of our population that feels it has nothing to lose.

We must reverse this trend. Common sense tells us that it is economically smart to feed all of our children. Hungry students can't learn and uneducated people can't succeed. Pursuing a social policy that provides protection for the neediest in our communities in fact benefits everyone.

However, the success of this endeavor is really about higher considerations. It's about recognizing our common humanity; it's about increasing our bonds of affection; and it's about love — love of this country, love of freedom and, above all, love of each other.

And we can never lose that!

Tom Connolly is a former member of the state Assembly. He represented the 77th Assembly District.

## PG Perspectives

Notes

by Phillip Giannangeli

There are knots and there are nots. As I look out my little window on the human condition (sounds a little pretentious, doesn't it?) a lot of what I see might be characterized as a big tangle of nots. Not knots, but nots. Let me see if I can explain about these knotty nots.

One of the most common nots I see today is "it's not my fault." From the Orange County treasurer (who now blames those who gave him bad advice along with those perks he liked so much), to the Menendez brothers (orphaned after killing off their parents thus allowing them to claim that they went astray because they didn't have effective parenting). "It's not my fault" finds its way into many situations both public and private. It is the cop-out of choice, the excuse of convenience, throughout much of society today.

Another "not" that plays well today is "it's not my job." There's usually general agreement that a task needs to be performed, but who is responsible for that performance, or any action at all, is uncertain. The "It's not my job" gives each of us the rationale to get out of doing something that, perhaps, we might otherwise reasonably be expected to do. If it's not our job, we don't have to do it, do we? "It's not my job" works like the well known slip knot. Done right, responsibility just slips right away without a trace.

A broader (more collective) not is the one found in NIMBY or "Not in my back yard." On an even grander scale is NOPE or "Not on planet earth." NIMBY's and NOPE'ers use their nots to knot the system when they feel encroached upon. And they can do a pretty good job sometimes.

There are other nots too. The most obnoxious not is the one that came about after some not-so-bright comedians used it in TV skits and a movie. In this not, an unlikely proposition is put forward and then is followed by a loud smug, elongated not. This not does seem to be finally on the decline, thank goodness. Not!

John Kennedy used a not in a memorable beginning to his brief presidency. He asked people not to be selfish or negative. Not to ask for something for oneself but to ask what needed to be done for the sake of everyone. That not has long since disappeared, but it made its impact those decades ago.

There are nots and there are knots. And both kinds can tangle up our lives. I know, because I can see them from my little window.

## The GOP's rendezvous with America

by John S. Herrington

On April 7, Americans saw Congress complete an historic and decisive agenda long promised by the Republicans. As I have said many times since Nov. 4, 1994, this is the Congress that Ronald Reagan should have had. The passing of the 'Contract With America' and the fundamental change in Washington it has brought is a reflection of the kind of government Ronald Reagan envisioned and our Founding Fathers promised.

Having the Republican majority in both houses of Congress for the first time in forty years has shown Americans the commitment and effectiveness of the conservative agenda. No longer will America's agenda be held hostage by the filibusters of liberal Democrats. The passage of congressional reform, as well as nine of the ten Contract bills, has been an historic achievement. Sadly, these bills face possible temperance in the senate and vetoes from the White House.

Welfare and legal reform, tax cuts, crime control, the line-item veto, term limits, national security, the balancing of the budget, jobs growth and senior citizen tax relief have been the battle cry of both the voters and campaigns, and the Republicans made these promises and kept them.

Contrast this to Clinton's first 100 days, where he campaigned on promises to cut taxes, balance the budget, cut the deficit in half, fight crime and maintain a strong defense. Their reality of the first 100 days was that he called for the biggest tax increase in the nation's history, increased federal spending by \$300 billion over five years, cut defense spending and is now calling for a repeal of the Republican crime bill. The people's votes have spoken ... or have they?

What is it that makes the people afraid of actually getting what they vote for? If the American public truly wants a change in the way our government does business, it must allow us the tools with which to achieve it. A democratic president and a Republican legislature does not allow for the type and extent of change that would demonstrate one party's strategy over another. The integrity of checks and balances can still be maintained intrinsically in the bipartisan presence in each house. If the results do not suit the will of the people it is their right and power to vote them out. So why defeat your intentions as a voter by limiting the authority of the very ideologies you voted for? The people need to have more courage to first allow the change they so desire, and then the wisdom to know when that change is not working. A Republican president in 1996 can answer this. 1996 will be the watershed election that Republicans have waited for. It will truly be our nation's "rendezvous with destiny" that Ronald Reagan saw so many years ago.

John Herrington is the chairman of the California Republican Party. He served as U.S. secretary of energy under President Reagan from 1985 to 1989.



## Theater review

### 'Touch of Spring' a Roman holiday

"A Touch of Spring," the Lamplighters current offering, fulfills its title as a charming Roman holiday, full of love, Italian misadventures and fun.

As directed by Pat Smith, this somewhat venerable Samuel Taylor play sparkles with good pacing and robust performances.

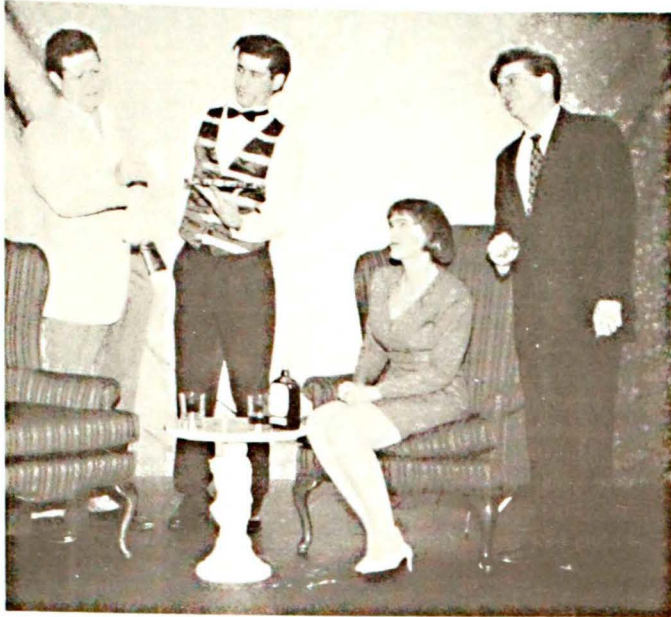
Set in the grandly seedy "royal suite" of a Rome, Italy hotel, the story follows the misadventures of an American businessman trying to find and recover the body of his father who was killed in an Italian car crash.

As he plows through the miles of governmental red tape, he is variously aided and sidetracked by a nerdy American consulate aide and a wild and freewheeling Italian "volunteer" helper. A bit of romance eventually ensues with a not-so-proper English lass bound on a quest that matches his.

E. Duane Weekly portrays the businessman most appealingly, and although his character projection seems to fade a little on occasion, he is at his best when romance enters the picture.

The joy of the show, however, falls primarily to the effort of his two unlike helpers. Tony Eisenhower's portrayal of the Italian string puller "Baldo" Pantalone dominates the show while he is onstage. A sort of sexual ringmaster who describes himself as "a professional assistant," Eisenhower's Baldo romps through scene after scene leaving confusion and laughter in his wake.

His American counterpart, Consul John Wesley, is portrayed by David John Hough as a twin of the TV car rental commercial's "not exactly" man, with a touch of Charles Nelson Reilly tossed in. Nerdily awkward and eager as



E. Duane Weekly (left), Ray Lybarger, Susan Calusen and David Hough bring "A Touch of Spring" to Lamplighters Theater.

a puppy dog, he is the perfect antithesis of Baldo.

With her usual skill at casting and character development, director Smith creates wonderfully diverse characters with the rest of the cast. Ayla Koren Yarkut shows us a charmingly poised young English woman with a touch of the devil lurking within, while Susan Clausen, as the American wife, rises from a frowsy sullen complainer in the first act to a strong commanding and knowing wife at final curtain.

The cast also includes Ray Paul Lybarger as a savvy and sexually smoldering waiter, Edward Charles Goodell as a stereotypical Italian film director and Maxime Dumesnil and Angus Brodie as the hotel's assistant manager and porter, respectively. The latter, without lines, portrays an ancient and slow-moving functionary beautifully.

The set, designed by Travis Russell, suits the mood of faded Roman grandeur well and the added touch of a nude cherub-shaped fountain which sprayed

from the obvious appendage, was an added charming touch.

Overall, the play was charming, quickly paced and laced with laughter. Not for kiddies, though, with a good deal of light-hearted sexual innuendo here and there.

### 'Night Of The Horse' salutes horses in sport

"The Night of the Horse," the social highlight of the three-week 1995 Del Mar National Horse Show, will present a tribute to horses past, present and future during its annual extravaganza, 7 p.m. Saturday, at the Del Mar Arena.

This year's 'Night of the Horse' will span the role of horses through the years, dating back to the 1600s. After a colorful opening ceremonies featuring 50 horses with commemorative flag, the audience will be transported back to the 1600s, an era in which tournament jousting, Roman riding, fox hunting and spectacular jumps through hoops of fire were the order of the day.

As the program moves towards

the present era, audience members will be treated to exhibitions from riders from the early days of the Del Mar Nationals. An assortment of world-class jumping, dressage, polo and reining exhibitions will be featured during this

phase of the show.

The dramatic conclusion of the program - representing horses in the future - will feature a stunning laser show and animation. In keeping with the theme of the evening, the accent will be on

### Nascar driver to appear

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### Lamplighters Community Theater

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"A Touch of Spring" by Samuel Taylor

Fridays & Saturdays through May 21, 8 p.m.

Sundays, 2 p.m.

Tickets: \$7 - \$8

### Octad-One Productions

Grove Playhouse, Marketplace-at-the-Grove

3450 College Avenue, lower level (583-2418)

"Park Your Car in Harvard Yard" by Israel Horowitz

Fridays & Saturdays through May 21, 8 p.m.

Sundays, 2 p.m.

Tickets: \$9 - \$10

### Grossmont College Theater Arts

Recital Hall Room 220, Grossmont College

8800 Grossmont College Dr., El Cajon (465-1700, ext.234)

"Albert's Bridge" with "Team Spirit"

April, 28 & 29, 8 p.m.

April 30, 2 p.m.

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April 30, May 7, 2 p.m.

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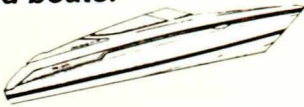
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The transaction of business  
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Signature of Registrant:  
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April 6, 13, 20 & 27, 1995

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BENEFICIARY:

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Recorded September 13, 1993 as

Instr. No. 1993-0598724 In Book

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cause the undersigned to sell said

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advances is \$120,451.96.

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Date: 4/05/95

T.D. SERVICE COMPANY

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No. 1991 0191549 In Book

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said deed of trust describes the

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PARCEL 1:

All of the West 174.24 feet of the

East 348.48 feet of Lot 49 of

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Valley Company, in the County of

San Diego, State of California,

according to Map thereof No 353,

filed in the office of the County

Recorder of San Diego County on

December 30, 1886.

Excepting therefrom the North

250.00 feet.

PARCEL 2:

The West 70 feet of the East

174.24 feet of the South 150 feet

of Lot 49 of Lakeside, on lands of

the El Cajon Valley Company, in

the County of San Diego, State of

California, according to Map

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of the County Recorder of San

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12630 LAKESHORE DR.,

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"(If a street address or common

designation of property is shown

above, no warranty is given as to

its completeness or correctness)."

The beneficiary under said Deed

of Trust, by reason of a breach or

default in the obligations secured

thereby, heretofore executed and

delivered to the undersigned a

written Declaration of Default and

Demand for Sale, and written

notice of default and election to

cause the undersigned to sell said

property to satisfy said obliga-

tions, and thereafter the under-

signed caused said notice of

default and election to be recorded

January 6, 1995 as Instr. No. 95-

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Official records in the office of the

recorder of San Diego County;

Said sale of property will be made

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implied, regarding title possession,

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remaining principal sum of the

note(s) secured by said deed of

Trust, with interest as in said note

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Trustee and of the trusts created

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by said Deed of Trust.

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sides, Nevada St. Annex located at

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At the time of the initial publica-

tion of this notice, the total

amount of the unpaid balance of

the obligation secured by the

above described deed of trust and

estimated costs, expenses, and

advances is \$1,223,601.32.

It is possible that at the time of

sale the opening bid may be less

than the total indebtedness due.

Date: 4/11/95

SEASIDE FINANCIAL CORPO-

RATION

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By T.D. SERVICE COMPANY,

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**PARCEL 1:** An undivided 1/48th fractional interest as tenant in common in and to Lot 4 of County of San Diego, Tract No. 4339, in the County of San Diego, State of California, according to Map Thereof No. 10658, filed in the Office of the County Recorder of San Diego County, California, on June 9, 1983. Excepting therefrom the following: All living areas shown

upon the first amended Avocado Village - Phase IV Condominium Plan recorded in the Office of the County Recorder of San Diego County, California, on June 6, 1985, as Document No. 85-200942 of Official Records.

**PARCEL 2:** Living Area No. 119, as shown upon the Condominium Plan referred to above.

**PARCEL 3:** The exclusive right to use, possession and occupancy of those portions of Parcel 1 described above, designated as D-119, P-119, G-119, and S-119 on the Condominium Plan referred to above, which are appurtenant to Parcels 1 and 2 above described.

**PARCEL 4:** A non-exclusive easement for ingress egress, and recreational use, on, over and under the common area of Lots 1 through 3 and Lot 5, respectively, of County of San Diego Tract No. 4339, according to Map Thereof No. 10658, filed in the Office of the County Recorder of San Diego County, California, on June 9, 1983, which easement is appurtenant to Parcels 1, 2, and 3 described above. This easement shall become effective as to Lot 5 upon recordation of a Declaration of Annexation declaring Lot 5 to be subject to the Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions to which reference is hereafter made or a separate Declaration or Covenants, Conditions, and Restrictions which requires the owner of Condominiums located on Lot 5 to be members of the Association, all as more fully set forth in the Declaration to which reference is hereafter made. The common area referred to herein shall be as defined and shown on the Condominium Plans covering Lots 1 through 3 and Lot 5, respectively, recorded in the Office of the County Recorder of San Diego County, California, excepting therefrom any residential buildings thereon and any portion thereof which may be designated as an exclusive use area. The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described

above is purported to be 3661 Avocado Village Crt. 119 La Mesa, California 91941.

The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any inaccuracy of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein.

The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is: \$120,066.39. It is possible that at the time of sale the opening bid may be less than the total indebtedness due.

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**CTC Foreclosure Services,** formerly known as Countrywide Title Corporation, 400 Countrywide Way, SV-88, Simi Valley, CA 93065, Phone: (805) 520-5060. Sale Information, (805) 520-5100 ext 2686. By Xiaohong Wu, Trustee's Sale Officer, Dated: 4/10/95. ASAP160379. 4/20, 4/27, 5/4

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## The Education of Steve Baldwin

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changed the political landscape. Even though no one will hit a term limit until 1996, people have been making political decisions knowing their time will soon come. Last term, the freshmen sent Willie Brown a letter asking (unsuccessfully) that a freshman from each party be appointed to the Ways and Means Committee. This year, three freshmen were appointed to chair committees and 12 were appointed vice chairs.

The second factor is the bipartisan committee structure set in motion by the deadlock over the speaker. With a majority of seats for the first time in history, the Republicans nominated Brulte to replace Brown as speaker. Republican Paul Horcher's defection from the party and vote for Brown created a tie vote.

A negotiating team made up of five Democrats and five Republicans labored into the wee hours for several days, attempting to hammer out a power-sharing arrangement. An even number of committees would be divided evenly between the parties, half chaired by Democrats and half by Republicans. The committees would all be even-numbered, half from each party. The Democrats would manage their committees and the Republicans theirs.

Suddenly, in the middle of the negotiating, Willie Brown broke the stalemate. Due to a special election fluke, Assemblyman Dick Mountjoy had run for and won a seat in both the Assembly and state Senate. While waiting to be sworn into the Senate, Mountjoy was voting for Brulte. Brown was able to oust Mountjoy from the Assembly and get elected speaker. The Democrats adopted their own version of the power-sharing rules and the games

tees will all receive Republican chairs and majorities and the Democrats will have a turn being shut out.

"Whichever party has the majority of members should have majorities on committees," Goldsmith says. "But Willie Brown used his power as speaker to control votes. If Brulte tries that, I'll stand on my principle that people should vote their consciences."

Goldsmith may be the only Republican standing come summer.

**D**ede Alpert chairs the Education Committee, which meets every Wednesday, analyzing hundreds of bills affecting schools. Baldwin was chosen vice chair by Brulte. Education was not Baldwin's main concern during the campaigns, but he was happy to be one of eight Republican freshmen given a vice chair.

The first week at the committee meeting, freshman Democrat Susan Davis of San Diego is said to have found Baldwin congenial and friendly. Maybe he's not such a bad guy after all.

Then came the second week, the second meeting and Baldwin's diatribe against public education. The image was shattered. Democrats have since found him relentless, venomous, always pushing some ideological agenda.

Republicans have been just as involved with education as Democrats over the years, but new winds are blowing. Where Republicans tended to accept the public school system in general, the new party line is radical decentralization. The Republican leadership doesn't like federal programs, wants to cripple the teacher unions and promulgate voucher systems and charter schools as alternatives for parents.

The caucus line is communicated to Baldwin and his fellow Republicans through bill analyses given them by Anne McKinney. McKinney is a former teacher, school administrator and Deukmejian aide. She analyzes 10 - 60 bills a week, writing summaries and vote recommendations for the Ed Committee's eight Republicans.

The committee staff, hired by chairwoman Alpert, doesn't always appreciate McKinney's dedication to ideology. While the three full-time and three part-time policy consultants labor to analyze the implications of each education bill that is submitted, McKinney's work is often characterized as simplistic and philosophic.

Last week, Democratic Assemblyman John Vasconcellos addressed his bill to set up parenting courses in high school home economics classes for teen-aged pre-parents. The purpose of the course is to give teenagers a better idea of the joys and responsibilities of having children.

Sex came up, as did self-esteem, words distasteful to the Republican caucus. McKinney's line is these are values for families to teach, not schools. Planned Parenthood supported the bill. Baldwin came unglued. Finally a conservative Republican businessman from Fallbrook stood up in support of the program and swayed the vote of Bruce Thompson, a freshman Republican. The bill passed with the Democrats and Thompson.

"The level of argument was Planned Parenthood is for it so I'm against it," says a lobbyist representing a county Office of Education. "All we see are red flags, not real solutions to education problems."

Baldwin introduced a bill to raise the cap on the number of charter schools allowed and lower the number of parents needed to file a petition for a charter.

Charter schools have become Baldwin's crusade as a born-again education expert. Charter school law allows parents and/or teachers to petition a school board to create

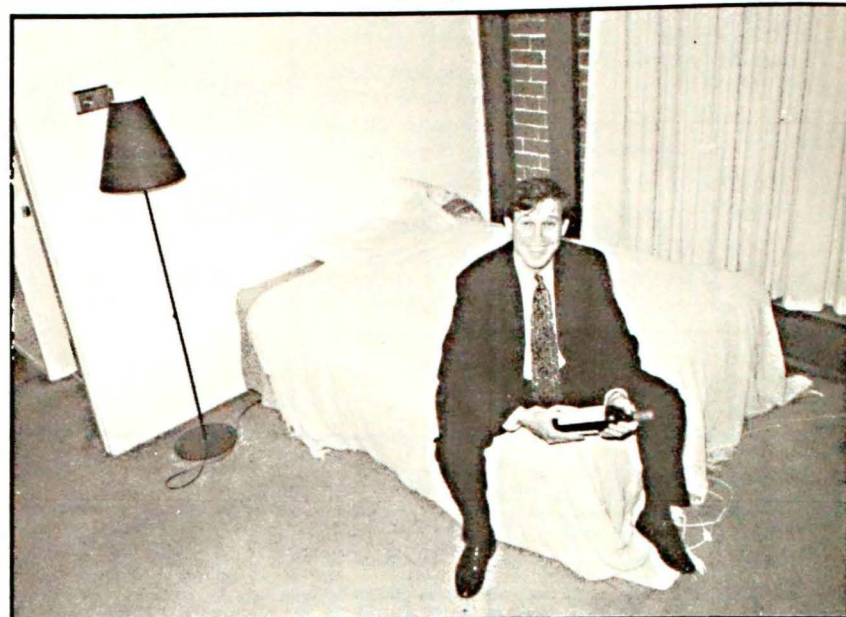
their own mini-district, in which they can set their own course on curriculum emphasis, hiring and firing policies and adherence to the state Education Code. Charter schools route public money to alternative education systems in a way more acceptable to Democrats than a voucher system.

Baldwin never contemplated sending any of his three preschool children to public school until charter schools came along.

public schools. Now they're wondering if he's really a nice guy.

One of the school counselors looks over the newsletter, filled with Republican red flags and horror stories about public education. She had started to believe there is another side to Baldwin. *Not!*

Brulte's holding a reception for the Republican caucus at Busby Berkeley's atop



Baldwin is perceived by many as the gatekeeper for the Republican caucus. He doesn't necessarily know the history, background and intricate details of California schools, but he knows what he believes. Nothing that has to do with Goals 2000, collective bargaining or homosexual equality is going to get out of this committee.

**T**he La Mesa-Spring Valley School District entourage arrives a little late and Baldwin has to run off to a meeting with state Senator Tim Leslie. They get a 20-minute meeting.

School board member Sharon Jones, teacher association president Shirley Peace and representatives from faculty, administration, classified staff and the PTA jam into Baldwin's little office for a powwow.

They're ready for the worst. Senator David Kelley had been standoffish, bristling at the mention of letting school bonds pass with a mere majority. Other Republicans have appeared hostile as well.

Baldwin is congenial and open.

Murdock Principal John Bley gets off to a good start bemoaning state mandates. Baldwin points to the 11 volumes of Education Code sitting on his shelf.

"We called around to a few states to see how long their codes are," he says. "Some states could fax it to us."

They hand him the La Mesa-Spring Valley legislative platform, much of which is noncontroversial. Jones brings up the parcel tax: letting school districts assess parcels, not property value. Districts across the state are unable to build new facilities because Prop. 13 requires any local bond to pass with a 2/3 majority. Could the threshold be somewhere between simple majority and two-thirds? Baldwin says he's open to it. Goldsmith's been talking about going to simple majority if school's don't have to pay prevailing union wages to contractors.

The CLAS tests come up. Republicans are pushing traditional, basic skills assessment over CLAS-style testing of higher-thinking skills. One principal says she thinks there needs to be both. Baldwin quickly agrees that the pendulum swung from basics to higher thinking too fast and there needs to be middle ground.

Verna comes and reminds him about his meeting with Leslie. Baldwin collects handshakes and business cards for the mailing list of his *Chalk Talk*, a newsletter he's publishing on education issues. It's all over very fast and the school contingent is a little dizzy.

They had thought he was out to bury the

the Hyatt, across the street from the Capitol. Baldwin doesn't like those functions, so he shows up for some quick hors d'oeuvres and beats a path to a balcony overlooking downtown Sacramento.

He's got a bottle of wine in his hand. Freshman Republican Brooks Firestone owns vineyards near Santa Barbara and he's produced a special bottle just for Brulte's party. The label lists all the Republicans. Baldwin's got Brulte's autograph and he wants to get the entire caucus to sign on. But first, some fresh air.

He chats politely with a lobbyist from the California Taxpayers Association and then is suddenly ready to leave. It's after 6:30 and he's got a long night ahead.

Howard Kaloogian, a pro-life freshman from Carlsbad, is in the elevator talking about government regulation. Did you know Brooks had to spend \$20,000 getting the permits to print this label? He printed the label twice, because the first run had Horcher on there.

Baldwin laughs it off and hurries through Capitol Park to his dorm room across the street. The building is owned by the city and the rents are pretty cheap. Horcher lives there, as do a couple other legislators.

His quarters are pretty bare, not unlike a motel room. There's an unmade bed, a table with one chair, a couch and coffee table. The kitchenette has a few pots and pans.

"I like the brick," he says.

He usually suits up in his sweats and jogs back over to the office. It's the only exercise he's going to get, if you don't count running around the Capitol all day. At the office there's a stack of material to read and phone calls to return.

A few freshmen are burning the late oil: Machado's there, the Democrat from Central California facing recall because he swore he would oppose Willie Brown and then didn't. John Battin and Brett Granlund are there. It seems the freshmen aren't ready to just follow the leader and need to read every jot and tittle that comes across their desks.

Around 10, he packs up a sheaf of papers to take home and read himself to sleep with.

He sees himself as a man of convictions, but a lot of convictions don't help you much in the world of real politics. He'd like to bury the hatchet with Tom Connolly. He'd like to turn down Political Action Committee money and put an end to negative campaigning. But the system exists and it's hard not to play by its rules.

Maybe the system will be better tomorrow. Tomorrow's another day.



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The power-sharing arrangement seems eminently fair and is the only system Baldwin has known as a legislator. Jan Goldsmith, now Brulte's assistant, remembers last term, in which all the committees had Democratic chairs and a majority of Democrats in each committee.

He remembers trying to get a bill out of committee with four Republicans and seven Democrats. As he started to make inroads into one Democrat's sympathies, a call went from the floor to Brown's office. Within minutes, Brown appeared, pulled the Democrat off the committee and replaced her with one with no interest in co-operating with Goldsmith. His bill died.

Most Sacramento observers expect the bipartisan structure to end by summer, when either Horcher or Mike Machado are recalled and replaced by Republicans who will give Brulte the majority. The commit-